# Southern Tiwa language

The **Southern Tiwa language** is a <u>Tanoan language</u> spoken at <u>Sandia Pueblo</u> and <u>Isleta Pueblo</u> in New Mexico and <u>Ysleta del Sur</u> in Texas.

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# **Genealogical relations**

Southern Tiwa belongs to the Tiwa sub-grouping of the Kiowa—Tanoan language family. It is closely related to the more northernly <u>Picuris</u> (spoken at <u>Picuris Pueblo</u>) and <u>Taos</u> (spoken at <u>Taos Pueblo</u>). Trager stated that Southern Tiwa speakers were able to understand Taos and Picuris, although Taos and Picuris speakers could not

Southe	rn Tiwa					
Native to	United States					
Region	New Mexico					
Ethnicity	Tiwa					
Native speakers	1,600, mostly older adults (2007) <sup>[1]</sup>					
Language family	Tanoan					
	<ul><li>Tiwa</li></ul>					
	<ul><li>Southern Tiwa</li></ul>					
Language codes						
ISO 639-3	tix					
Glottolog	sout2961 (htt					
	p://glottolog.o					
	rg/resource/lan					
	guoid/id/sout29 $61)^{[2]}$					
Linguasphere	64-CAA-b					

understand Southern Tiwa very easily. Harrington (1910) observed that an Isleta person (Southern Tiwa) communicated in "Mexican jargon" with Taos speakers as Taos and Southern Tiwa were not mutually intelligible.

### Language variation

Southern Tiwa had three dialectal variants

- 1. Sandía
- 2. Isleta
- 3. Ysleta del Sur (Tigua)

Trager reported that Sandía and Isleta were very similar and mutually intelligible.

In August 2015, it was announced that the Tiwa language would be taught to children at Isleta Elementary School in Pueblo of Isleta, as a part of the school's transfer from federal to tribal control.<sup>[3]</sup>

### Sound system

Southern Tiwa has 26 consonants:

#### Consonants

		Bilabial	Dental	Alveolar	Lateral	Palatal	Velar		Glottal	
							plain	lab.	plain	lab.
Plosive	voiced	b	d				g			
	voiceless	р	t				k	kw	?	
	aspirated	p <sup>h</sup>	th				k <sup>h</sup>			
	glottalized	p′	ť′				k'	k′ w		
Affricate	voiceless					t∫				
	glottalized					t∫′				
Fricative		f		S	1	ſ			h	h₩
Trill				r						
Nasal		m	n							
Approximant		w			ı	j				

Southern Tiwa has six vowels that have both an oral and nasal contrast.

#### Vowels

	Front		Се	ntral	Back		
	oral	nasal	oral	nasal	oral	nasal	
High	i	ĩ			u	ũ	
Mid	е	ẽ	ə	õ	0	õ	
Low			a	ã			

Southern Tiwa has three tones: *high*, *mid*, and *low*.

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UH Documentation Project: Tiwa (https://web.archive.org/web/20050212184251/http://www.ling.hawaii.edu/~uhdoc/tiwa/tiwaweb1.html)

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